

JUN 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Senior Staff Meeting

1. Pursuant to my telephone call of this date, this is to confirm my request on behalf of Colonel White that discussion of "Operation Alert 1955" be added to the agenda of the Director's Senior Staff Meeting scheduled for 6 June 1955.

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Special Assistant to the  
Deputy Director (Support)

[REDACTED] will discuss this at the  
Deputies meeting on 3 June 1955.  
I would like to have [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] + [REDACTED] attend  
this meeting to discuss this subject.  
Suggest [REDACTED] might  
also want [REDACTED]  
will be there anyway  
Among Notified [REDACTED]

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**STAFF CONFERENCE**

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Director's  
Conference Room, 214 Administration Building,  
Monday, June 6, 1955 at 1100 hours**

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**Mr. Dulles Presiding**

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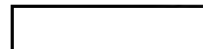
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Mr. Dulles opened the meeting by stating that he understood we were all to be briefed concerning our participation in the forthcoming Civil Defense Alert. He turned the meeting over to Colonel White.


Colonel White stated that CIA was participating in the Civil Defense Alert to the extent of 

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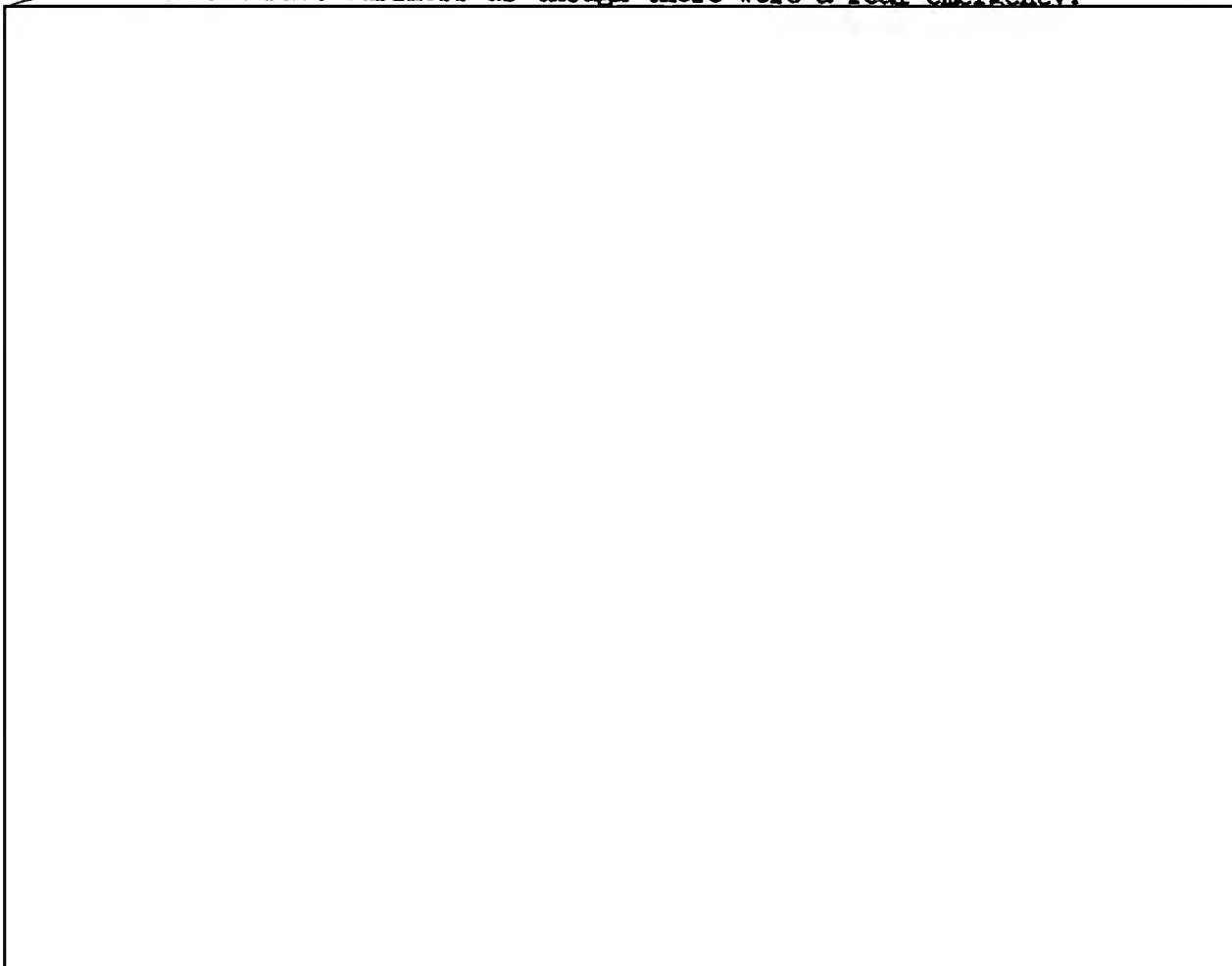
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 stated that insofar as the Executive Branch of the Government is concerned, the forthcoming Alert is Government-wide. It is to commence at 12:05 p.m. on 15 June and last until 5:00 p.m. on 17 June. He noted that the Civil Defense Office and some of the other Agencies and offices of Government are participating to a greater extent than we are. However, the President wants us to join in along with the others and transact business as though there were a real emergency.

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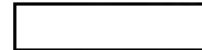
Colonel White also remarked that insofar as the new building is concerned, a Bill is presently in Congress which calls for an appropriation for \$50 million for a building and \$6 million for a site. He noted that we will be called upon to make representations on behalf of this building. Colonel White stated that the need will be for justifying the \$56 million rather than the building itself as everyone appears to be in agreement that CIA needs a building. He commented that 35 to 40 sites have been considered, inspected and narrowed down to the following:

Suitland, Maryland  
The Casey Tract in Maryland  
Arlington Hall  
The Winkler Tract near Alexandria, Virginia  
The Brewery property where we are presently located.  
The Southwest Redevelopment location

and we again have the Langley, Virginia site under consideration.


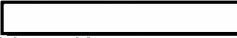
Mr. Wisner commented that those present had probably heard of a Study Panel being held at Quantico during this coming week on Psychological Warfare matters and plans in connection with the forthcoming meeting at the Summit. He stated that [ ] should be the clearing point for any CIA people planning to attend any of the summary discussions held each evening after the daily Panel studies.

Minutes of 1 May 1955 Meeting



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Mr. Dulles opened the meeting with the statement that some columnists have recently commented on the relations of various Government agencies including CIA, with members of the press. Mr. Dulles stated that he was not too happy with the recent directive which had been issued covering relationships which CIA employees are to have with members of the press and noted that a revision of this directive is being prepared. Mr. Dulles pointed out that the press never likes such directives but nevertheless Mr. Dulles does not want any unauthorized leakage of classified matters from CIA employees. He noted that newsmen use a great deal of ingenuity and through multiple contacts manage to acquire accurate classified data. Mr. Dulles ended with the comment that he does not want thought control but a certain amount of control over contacts with the press is necessary.

25X1  remarked that the directive as issued has had an unusual effect on members of the Agency. He did not consider that the spirit of the order was being complied with.  remarked that he had a good many telephone calls regarding the directive and many humorous comments but that he had had few reports as required under the terms of the order.

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Colonel White remarked that he had originally planned to speak on the status of a new building but that he was scheduled to attend a meeting on the subject immediately following this meeting and he would not have any new information to add until after his forthcoming discussion. Mr. Dulles commented that it was his ambition to actually get something started on the new building this year.